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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL
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EXAMINING GROUP 2655**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Application No.: 09/651,058

Examiner: D. Nolan

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For: SPEECH RECOGNITION SYSTEM AND METHOD

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: May 2, 2003

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002, the time period for response having been extended from February 4, 2003 to May 5, 2003 (May 4, 2003 = Sunday) by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time. In the prosecution of the application identified above, please consider the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 8, 9, 14 and 15 as follows:

3. (Amended) The speech recognition system according to claim 1, wherein said determination means acquires an average S/N value and average voice power of